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**ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE**

**METHOD, SYSTEM, AND COMPUTER PROGRAM PRODUCT FOR MANAGING  
PERSISTENT DATA ACROSS DIFFERENT RELEASES**

A method, system, and computer program product are disclosed for managing an application's persistent data across multiple different release versions of the application. A format for a memory area is defined wherein the persistent data will be stored according to a first release version of the application. The format is organized to permit the application running at different release versions to access the memory area. The memory area is accessed using the application that is running at a second release version. The memory area is divided into individually accessible sections. The format includes a template file for each section for each release version.